already exist at Bhopal station and they are considered adequate for catering to the present level of traffic.

Creation of NSDI

1047. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a proposal for creation of National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI);

(b) if so, the details of its functions; and

(c) how government would be benefited by this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAW AT): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been finalised for creation of a NSDI.

(b) NSDI will be a national infrastructure for the availability of and access to organized spatial data which will enable bodies/agencies/ institutions at community, local, state, regional and national levels to benefit from it for sustained economic growth.

(c) NSDI would directly benefit the Government in accessing and using organised spatial data vital to providing a better governance to the country. Some of the indirect benefits of NSDI include encouraging organisation/agencies of the Government to use each others data, enabling greater ease and speed of access, and saving cost and time in data searching and making data sets inter-operable so as to facilitate quick decision-making. The NSDI would benefit the government on a decision-support to undertake sustained economic development. It would also help create the required environment for promoting the spatial data business sector and generate value-added information crucial for national development.